

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently amended.) A subunguicide comprising an antifungal agent ~~[[and]]~~ dispersed within a non-soap semisolid carrier, the subunguicide being sufficiently hard for insertion between the nail plate and the hyponychium past the hyponychium to reside in contact with the nail bed by a user scratching the subunguicide or by pressing or rubbing the subunguicide under the distal nail.
2. (Currently amended.) A method for treating onychomycosis, comprising providing a subunguicide including an antifungal agent in a suitable carrier, and administering the same subungually by forcing the subunguicide between the hyponychium and past the hyponychium to be in contact with the nail bed.
3. (Previously presented.) The method of claim 2, wherein the subunguicide is placed between the nail plate and the nail bed.
4. (Original.) The method of claim 2, wherein the carrier is a solid or a semi-solid.
5. (Currently amended.) The method of claim 2, wherein the antifungal agent and carrier subunguicide is provided as a flowable composition selected from gels, creams, lotions, solutions, and suspensions.
6. (Previously presented.) The method of claim 5, further comprising: providing an applicator having a reservoir for holding an amount of the antifungal agent in the suitable carrier and a tube through which the agent and carrier can flow from the reservoir to the end of the tube; placing the tube in contact with the nail bed without penetrating the nail plate; and causing the antifungal agent and carrier to flow through the tube and reside in contact with the nail bed.

7. (Original.) The subunguicide of claim 1, further comprising in combination with the antifungal an anti-inflammatory.

8. (Previously presented.) The method of claim 2, further comprising the co-administration of a systemic antifungal agent.

9. (Original.) The subunguicide of claim 1, further comprising in combination with the antifungal a keratolytic agent.

10. (Original.) The subunguicide of claim 9, wherein the keratolytic agent is an alphahydroxy acid, a beta-hydroxy acid, an alpha-keto acid, a beta-keto acid, or a salt thereof.

11. (Original.) The subunguicide of claim 10, further comprising in combination with the antifungal and keratolytic agent and an anti-inflammatory.

12. (Original.) The subunguicide of claim 9, further comprising an anesthetic.

13. (Previously presented.) The method of claim 2, wherein the carrier is flowable and is administered subungually by high pressure injection.

14. (Currently amended.) The method of claim 2, wherein the carrier is flowable and is forced between the nail plate and the hyponychium past the hyponychium to reside in contact with the nail bed.

15. (Original.) The method of claim 2, wherein the carrier is solid or semi-solid and is forced between the nail plate and the hyponychium past the hyponychium to reside in contact with the nail bed.